



**SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL
SNOHOMISH COUNTY EXECUTIVE
Snohomish County, Washington**

JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 14-015

**DESIGNATING OCTOBER AS DISABILITY EMPLOYMENT
AWARENESS MONTH IN SNOHOMISH COUNTY**

WHEREAS, Public Law 176 was signed in 1945 to designate the first week in October as "National Employ the Physically Handicapped Week;" and

WHEREAS, in 1962 the word "physically" was removed from the week's name to recognize the employment needs of all Americans with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, Congress, in 1988, expanded the week to a month and changed its name to "National Disability Employment Awareness Month" (NDEA Month); and

WHEREAS, on July 26, 2014, the nation celebrated the twenty-sixth anniversary of the signing of the Americans with Disabilities Act, which prohibits discrimination against persons with disabilities in education, employment, government services, and in many other areas of society; and

WHEREAS, Snohomish County Government is supportive of the advancement of citizens with disabilities in becoming full participants in all phases of community life; and

WHEREAS, October has become the kick-off month for year-round programs that highlight the abilities and contributions of Americans with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, many citizens of Snohomish County will acknowledge Disability Employment Awareness Month with events and public information announcements to celebrate the contributions of citizens with disabilities to their workplace;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Snohomish County Council and the Snohomish County Executive do jointly designate October as Disability Employment Awareness Month in Snohomish County.

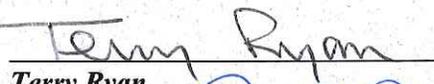
APPROVED this 1st day of October, 2014



Dave Somers
Council Chair



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Council Vice-Chair



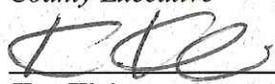
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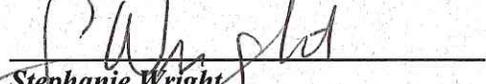
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